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RBERN WEEKLY NOTES

A weekly roundup of news and information from the Mid-West Regional Bilingual Education Resource Network

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From NYSED: 2019 NYSESLAT School Administrator's Manual Released

<http://www.p12.nysed.gov/assessment/sam/nyseslat/nyseslat-sam-19.pdf>

➤ *Includes the following updates/enhancements:*

2019 NYSESLAT Enhancements

Following the Spring 2018 administration of the NYSESLAT, the New York State Education Department (the Department) collected feedback from New York State educators about how to improve this assessment. Feedback was compiled, reviewed, and when appropriate, incorporated into the 2019 NYSESLAT development. The following table outlines the enhancements that have been made to the assessment, and the corresponding grade bands and modalities.

Grade Band	Modality	Enhancement
All grade bands	Speaking	In the Directions for Administration (DFA), test question numbers have been moved next to the question. They were previously located at the top of the page.
All grade bands	Speaking	Warm-up questions have been replaced with questions more easily answered by students. These new questions elicit more language by saying, "Tell me more," or "Why/Why not?" when appropriate.
All grade bands	Speaking	Pointing directions have been separated by paragraph breaks for ease in examiner review during administration.



RBERN Current PD Offerings:

- **NEW! [Special Education 101 for Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages \(TESOL\)](#)– 6/3**
- **NEW! [ELL Resource Vendor Preview Day](#) – 6/7 (Flyer attached)**



High School to College: Preparing Students for Success May 22nd

This free conference will provide the opportunity to learn from colleagues as we talk about ways to help students successfully transition from high school to college. This conference will feature breakouts, panels, and poster sessions, with plenty of time for one-on-one conversations and making connections with educators from around the region. For more information or to register, visit: <https://www.mylearningplan.com/WebReg/ActivityProfile.asp?D=18636&I=3044354>



NYS TESOL April Webinar: Academic Literacy/ies for English Learners at the Higher Education Level

with guest Professor Mary Jane Curry, Associate Professor in the Department of Teaching and Curriculum at the Warner Graduate School of Education and Human Development, University of Rochester.

This month's webinar will discuss:

- Understanding literacy as a set of social practices, rather than skills
- Disciplinary aspects of academic literacy: genre and register
- The role of reading in academic writing
- Strategies for supporting academic literacy

For more information or to register, visit: <http://www.nystesol.org/webinars.html>



NYSUT Certification Day April 27th

NYSUT will be hosting another Certification Day on Saturday, April 27, 2019 at the Rochester Regional Office. This informational day is open to all members -teachers, teaching assistants, and local leaders- who have questions concerning NYS certification, such as the application process, help with meeting requirements, certificate maintenance, available resources to find answers to questions, and options to obtain additional credentials, etc. For more information or to register, visit: <http://www.cvent.com/events/2019-nysut-rochester-ro-certification-day/event-summary-23a45ad549d943f6ba7ef4e67e1b8106.aspx>



LIU offers NYS Advanced Childhood Education (gr 1-6) Cert Online Program for ESOL Teachers

Long Island University will run a sixth cohort of their online program leading to the Advanced Certificate in Childhood Education - for ESOL holders. LIU Hudson is now accepting applications for this cohort which will begin in July 2019. Interested candidates should see the attached fact sheet and application. Applications may be mailed to:

LIU Hudson at Westchester
Attn: Admissions Dept.
735 Anderson Hill Road
Purchase, NY 10577

With questions, please contact: Lea Rutmanowitz at 914-831-2728 or Lea.Rutmanowitz@liu.edu

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The Mid-West Regional Bilingual Resource Network
is part of the NYS Education Department's network of support for schools.
The goal of RBERN is to assist districts and schools in creating an educational environment for English Language Learners which engages everyone in meaningful teaching and learning.*

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